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of the City of *Dublin*,

AND FOR PRESERVING

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of Commons, I do appoint Abra-
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Bill, and that no other Person do pre-
sume to print the same.*

JOHN PONSONBY, Speaker.

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WHEREAS the City of *Dublin* is grown so extensive and populous, and such unlawful Combinations and riotous Assemblies are frequently formed in many Parts of the said City, to the great Disturbance and Terror of sober and industrious Citizens, that it is impossible for the most active and vigilant Magistrate to preserve the Peace therein.

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And whereas the Lord Mayor and Aldermen claim the Right of electing Aldermen for the said City, and also of electing the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and City Treasurer of the said City, which hath occasioned great Heats and Animosities, and disturbed the Peace of the said City, for Remedy whereof,

We pray it may be Enacted, That from and after the Day of every Alderman shall be a Justice of the Peace, and have Power to act as such, in the County of the said City, and the Liberties thereof, whether he hath exercised the Office of Lord Mayor of the City of *Dublin*, or not, and that the same Powers to regulate the Lighting of the City Lamps, the Pavements of the Streets, to remove Encroachments, to punish Offenders for throwing down, or leaving any Rubbish or Dirt in the Streets, to confine and punish strolling Beggars, Vagabonds, and other disorderly Persons, to enforce the Laws made for the Observance of the Lord's Day, to punish Constables of the Watch, and Watchmen for the Neglect of Duty, shall be vested in the Aldermen, as are now vested and hereby confirmed in the Lord Mayor throughout the City.

And We pray it may be further Enacted, that from and after the Day of the Aldermen shall be elected from among the Sheriffs Peers of the said City, and the Lord Mayor, from among the Aldermen of the said City, and that the Sheriffs shall be elected from among such of the Resident Free-men of the said City, as have not before served the Office of Sherifffalty, and that all Elections of Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Recorder, Sheriffs, City Treasurer, Town Clerk, Ballast Master, and all other Officers of the Corporation of the said City, shall be made by the whole Common Council of the said City, making and constituting on such Occasions, only one Body or Assembly, and that the Lord Mayor for the Time being, or in Case of the Death of the Lord Mayor, the Senior Alderman of the said City for the Time being, shall give six Days Notice in Writing, to be posted at the Pillars of the *Tollfel* of the City of *Dublin*, of the

the Time and Place of holding such Elections and direct the proper Officers of the Commons to summon the Commons for that purpose, at which Time and Place the Body of the said Common Council shall meet together and the Lord Mayor for the Time being, or in Case of the Absence or the Death of the Lord Mayor, the Senior Alderman of the said City then present, shall preside thereat, and declare such Person or Persons duly elected as shall have the Majority of Votes on the said Election.

And whereas the several Guilds of the said City out of which the Persons are chosen, who are to be the Commons and of the Common Council of the said City, have heretofore nominated double the Number of the Persons usually chosen out of each Guild into the Common Council of the said City, and the Masters and Wardens of each Guild within a limited Time, have presented the Names of the said Persons so nominated to the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, who in the Presence of one of the Sheriffs and eight of the Aldermen of the said City within a limited Time, hath elected out of the Persons whose Names have been so presented the Number of Persons usually serving as Commons for such Guilds respectively, which Persons so elected have been of the Common Council of the said City, by Virtue of such Election for the Space of Three Years, which hath given great Power to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said City over the Common Council of the said City, and hath been attended with great Inconveniencies. For Remedy whereof,

We pray it may be further Enacted, that the several Guilds of the said City, at the respective general Assemblies of the said Guilds, shall at the accustomed Time or Times, elect such Number only of fit Persons, out of their respective Guilds, as shall be appointed to sit in the Common Council of the said City, and that the respective Master or Masters, Warden or Wardens of the said Guilds, shall within the accustomed Times, present and return to the Lord Mayor for the Time being, the Names of the Persons so respectively chosen by the said Guilds, as Members of the Common Council of the said

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City, which Persons so returned, shall by virtue of the said Election, be of the Common Council of the said City, for the Space and Term of three Years, and so from Time to Time, as Occasion shall require.

Provided that every Person, before he is admitted to the Office of one of the Common Council of the said City, shall take the Oaths of a Common Council Man, and shall also swear as follows. I A. B. do swear that I am a Freeman, and a Resident Inhabitant of the said City, or of the Liberties thereof, otherwise his Election shall be null and void, and the Freemen of the Guild in such Case shall proceed to a new Election in the Place or Places of such Person or Persons as aforesaid. And in Case any Person so Elected a Common Council Man, shall decline to be sworn into Office, or to swear as aforesaid, when duly called upon, another Freeman of the said Guild, shall be elected in his Place in the same Manner, as the Person so declining was elected, and also when any Vacancy shall happen for a Common Council Man by Death, or otherwise, another Freeman of the same Guild, shall be elected to fill such Vacancy in like Manner.

And whereas in Case the Master and Wardens of any of the said Guilds neglect or refuse within a limited Time to return the Names of the Persons by them to be presented as fit Persons to be of the Common Council of the said City, then and in such Case the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said City do Elect out of the Guilds, so failing, such Number of Persons as have been accustomed to serve for such Guilds in the Common Council of the said City.

And whereas the Masters and Wardens of the said Guilds, have frequently omitted to return the Names of the Persons chosen by the respective Guilds to serve in the Common Council of the said City, whereby the Power of Electing out of the said Guilds hath devolved to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen as aforesaid, and thereby the Members of the said Guilds have been deprived of the Right of Election, for Remedy whereof,

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We pray it may be further Enacted, That from and after the Day of if any Master or Masters, Warden or Wardens of any of the said Guilds, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to return the Name or Names of the Person or Persons chosen by the respective Guilds to sit in the Common Council of the said City, within the accustomed Time or Times, that upon Complaint to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, and due Notice given to the Person or Persons complained of, and it appearing upon due Proof to them, that such Neglect was voluntarily and wilfully committed; the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, or the usual Quorum, shall, and are hereby required and authorized, immediately to disfranchise such Master or Masters, Warden or Wardens, who shall have appeared to have wilfully neglected to make such Returns as are hereby required; and in case of a Refusal or Neglect by the Master or Masters, Warden or Wardens, to make such Returns, the Clerk of the said Guild shall return the Names of the Person or Persons so chosen, which shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been made by the Master and Wardens; and in case such Clerk shall refuse or neglect, upon Application to him made, to make such Return, such Clerk shall in like manner be disfranchised, and for ever after incapable of holding the said Office, or any other Office or Employment within the said City; and in case not only the Master or Masters, and Warden or Wardens, but also the Clerk of any of the said Guilds shall refuse or wilfully neglect to make such Returns within the accustomed Time, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Guild, upon such wilful Neglect or Refusal appearing to them, within Six Days after the Expiration of the accustomed Time of making such Returns, to appoint a new Master or Masters, Warden or Wardens, and Clerk, and a Return so made within Six Days by such new Master or Masters, Warden or Wardens, or Clerk, shall be as good and effectual as if the same had been made by the former Masters or Master, Wardens or Warden, or Clerk, within the accustomed Time.

And We pray it may be further Enacted, That the Sheriffs for the Time being shall preside in all Assemblies of the Commons, where they act as a separate Assembly from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen.

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And We pray it may be further Enacted, That all Petitions to the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons, and Citizens, shall be delivered as well to the Sheriffs and Commons, as to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, in order that all Petitions may be known to the whole Common Council; and that all Acts, Orders, and Ordinances of the Common Council shall take their Rise as well among the Commons as at the Board of Aldermen, when they sit as separate Assemblies, and that no Act, Order, or Ordinance shall be made in Common Council without the Assent of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen present, or the major Part of them; nor without the Assent of the Commons present, or the major Part of them, in their respective Assemblies.

And We pray it may be further Enacted, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a publick Act in all Courts and Places, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and Courts whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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